(b) what are the potentialities in this method and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An experimental Magneto-hydrodynamic (MHD) plant of 5 MW (thermal) input capacity has been set up at Tiruchirapalli under a programme sponsored by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. MHD power was generated recently under trial conditions. Further experiments are in progress at this plant in order to generate scientific, technical and operational data. The potentialities are that higher overall conversion efficiencies compared to conventional plants may be achieved in plants combining MHD and conventional processes.

Royalty on coal

2743. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the 17th meeting of the Eastern Zonal Council held at Patna on 24th September, 1985, the representatives of the State Government of West Bengal demanded for the fixation of royalty rates for coal at 15 per cent *ad valorem;* and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government on their demand?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The rate of royalty on coal was last revised with effect from 13-2-1981. To consider the question of further revision of royalty rate on coal, a Study Group was constituted in November, 1984. The study Group has submitted its report but no decision has yet been taken by the Government of India.

High Court judgement in Sanskrit

2744. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *ALIAS* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh have recently received consent from the Central Government to pronounce the judgement of its High Court in a language other than English and Hindi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether one of the High Court Judges in Lucknow pronounced his judgement recently in Sanskrit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The position is being ascertained from the Registry of the High Court of Allahabad.

Public sector industries in Arunachal Pradesh

2745. SHRIMATI OMEM MOYONG DEORI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many public sector enterprises have been located so far in areas declared to be backward districts in the country particularly in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) what is the percentage of persons belonging to S. C. and S. T. employed in each of the major categories of posts; and

(c) what steps are being taken to identify and train candidates from such weaker sections alongwith the planning of the project so that real benefit can be derived in the backward areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The details are being collected and a statement will be placed on the Table of the House.

(b) The percentage of the persons belonging to SC and ST employed in each of the major categories of posts in the Public Enterprises is available in Section 2 of Chapter 23, Page 329 of the Public Enterprises Survey 1983-84 Volume I, placed on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 15th March, 1986.

(c) Instruction of Government already exist for special pre-entry training of ST/

SC candidates in addition to relaxation of standards of suitability or experience and also for organising special courses tailored to the requirements of SC/ST personnel.

National Small Industries Corporation Limited

2746. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the profit earned by the National Small Industries Corporation Limited during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what are the guidelines followed by the National Small Industries Corporation Limited in advancing loan or financial help to industries;

(c) what are the names of firms in whose cases a sum of more than Rs. 5 lakhs has been invested by the NSIC Limited, the particulars of such firms and the amount of investment in each case by the NSIC as on the 31st October, 1985; and

(d) whether there are such firms which have not repaid the amount to the NSIC; and if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken against those firms and the officers of NSIC Limited for advancing loans to such unscrupulous firms.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): The profits earned by the National Small Industries Corporation during the last years are given below:—

	(Rs. lakhs)
1982-83	5.28
1983-84	32 63
1984-85	81.01

(b) All small scale industrial units and entrepreneurs registered with the concerned Director of Industries/District Industries Centres and where the value of machines and equipment is within the prescribed SSI limit as defined by Government of India from time to time, are eligible to avail themselves of the Hire Purchase Scheme of the Corporation.

(c) According to National Small Industries Corporation they had catered to the demand of about 19704 small scale units for the supply of machines of wide variety and value under its Hire Purchase Scheme throughout the country upto 31st October, 1985. There are large number of units whom NSIC has supplied machinery of more than Rs. 5 lakhs, spread in different parts of the country. It is not feasible to give names and details of all such firms.

(d) Since the inception of the Corporation in 1956 and till 31st October. 1985, NSIC has supplied machines worth Rs. 186.56 crores to different categories of small scale units. As on 31st March, 1985. the unrealised investment in default was to the tune of Rs. 15.78 crores involving 4,286 units. The Corporation has evolved a system for recovery of its dues such as visit by field staff to units once in 4 months, issue of advance notices for payment of instalment, regular follow up of the cases through correspondence and personal visits to the factory or offices of the hires. Inspite of regular follow up. in case the party goes in default for two continuous instalments without any justifiable ground, Special Default Letter is issued to the party with a copy to the concerned offices with a request to exert pressure on the unit to pay dues of the Corporation. In case, the unit goes in default for 3 or more instalments, the cases are put up to Default Review Committee, for necessary guidance.

If the unit fail to respond, inspite of this follow up action, they are called upon to surrender the machine. In the event of their failure to surrender the machine, legal action is initiated against the party for repossession of the machine and recovery of the Hire Purchase dues.

Setting up of Small Cottage Industries under Capital Region Scheme

2747. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased of state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to set up small cottage industries in the towns under the